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SUBJECT: REPORTED CEAUSESCU SUGGESTION FOR DIRECT
ARAB-ISRAELI TALKS

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR LEVASSEUR WAS TOLD BY EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR THAT RECENT VISIT TO ROMANIA OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELLOR HAFEZ ISMAIL WAS NOT INTENDED TO EVOKE ANY NEW MIDDLE EAST INITIATIVES OR TO SOLICIT ANY ROMANIAN ROLE. DURING GENRAL DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE EAST BETWEEN PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU AND HAFEZ, CEAUSESCU EXPRESSED OPINION THAT EGYPTIANS SHOULD ENGAGE IN FACE-TO-FACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL. FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAYS ISRAELI AMBASSADOR HAS ALSO HEARD FROM UNKNOWN SOURCE THAT CEAUSESCU SUGGESTED DIRECT ARAB-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS TO HAFEZ.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM DIPLOMATIC SOURCES THAT UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM'S DISCUSSIONS WITH ROMANIANS INCLUDED ONLY NORMAL TOUR D'HORIZON OF MIDDLE EAST.
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